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TO: The Honorable Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental
and Military Affairs

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alice L. Lee".

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF JANUARY 24, 2024; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
SB 2229, RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure to allow counties to determine the requirements for residential fire sprinkler systems.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I **support** this measure for the following reasons:

1. Repeal of the State preemption statute will allow each county to weigh the need, cost, and benefit of residential fire sprinkler systems and determine and implement county-appropriate regulations.
2. This measure is part of the State Fire Council's legislative package.
3. Counties generally have authority on matters of public safety, and residential fire sprinkler systems should no longer be an exception to that power.

For the foregoing reasons, I **support** this measure.

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